Foreign National Initiative
Computer Access for Foreign Nationals
8/14/03 12-2 PM in P-Div. Auditorium

1. **Announcements (Bruce MacAllister, OMBUDS)**

    - Please participate in the brown bag sessions
    - Please let your voices be heard
    - The Ombuds Office is collecting trends and issues from these Brown Bags
    - ISEC is going to post a Q&A page on their web
    - The Ombuds Office has experienced an increase in visitors who come to the Ombuds Office with Foreign Nationals issues
    - You have Nano's attention

2. **Computer Access for Foreign Nationals (Charlotte Lindsey from CIO-PO presented. (Please find her slides attached separately)**

3. **Panel Discussion** with Charlotte Lindsey and Kathleen Padgett from CIO-PO, Alex Kent (CCN-5), Bud L. Shultz (CCN-DO), and Lori Hutchins (ISEC).

Q. *A rumor: Foreign nationals will not be authorized to do remote computing?*
A. If you have a cryto card, you CAN do remote computing. In the 982 form there is a box called remote access. This is to be used ONLY when you will not be at LANL at all and are doing LANL work from a remote site and this is your only means of communication. Currently if you are an approved computer user for on-site and have a crypto card, you can also do remote computing. There is a plan to require explicit approval for remote computing for all who will require it.

Q. *Can we have a brown bag at end with issues we have heard?*
A. Yes, it is scheduled for September 29, 2003.

Q. *Why do we have to fill in the same information out on 5 or 6 different forms? How can things be simplified? If one form is lost, it stops all access, etc. It seems as if there are too many redundant steps right now.*
A. We are in the process of establishing a database where the information will be entered once and will be used in the various forms. Also, we encourage feedback from the users, so if you want to help in that process, that would be great. (Steen Rasmussen, EES-6, volunteered to help CIO simplifying the forms from a user's point of view).

Q. *On Form 982 when a building # is not included on the initial form and an amendment is made we do not get a confirmation that it has been accepted. We only get notices when it is not approved. I would like to know how we know when it is approved because I do not want to get into trouble.*

A. If the building you want to add is on the exemption list you will not get a response. We do not send out notices for approval of 982. You will only get a notice if you are not approved or in violation.

Q. *Why does computer access need to be attached to the Form 982?*
A. It is part of 982 because computer access goes through same process as the approval of the 982 form.

Comment from audience: I would like to request, that when processes and/or forms are being changed, that the foreign nationals, their sponsors, secretaries and the people that use the system or forms are informed.

Q. *I have a technical question, what is the "Visitor Network?"*
A. The Visitor Network is also called the "Grey Network" which is to be used by visitors to connect to their universities for access to e-mail or information from the outside system. We are in the process of working on a "Blue Network" (about a year away), which is like the Green Network but has more protection and will be used instead of the Visitor Network. This new network will have more protection for both the visitors and LANL.

Q. *I would like to know about the security of our secure passwords.*
A. Our scanning of information does not record key stokes. You do not have to be concerned because the institution does not record keystrokes and it is such a little portion compared to the other information that is being scanned.

Q. *Why can't we take our laptop computers or our crypto cards abroad? The paperwork to do this is a great deal*?
A. The paperwork is for BUS. There are export regulation that need to be followed and BUS controls the export regulations and controls.

Q. Is *there any restriction for computer access on unclassified systems?*
A. You should have "the need to know" which will limit your access.

Q. *Is it possible to install a DPN line on a lab computer*?
A. Currently there is no policy disallowing the installation. You will need to work with your local computer security person. I know of no security risks to get a DPN installed.

Q. *Why can't foreign nationals get wireless access?*
A. We are currently testing wireless technology. The general plan is to not approve wireless access on a visitor's network. The wireless technology is the hardest to protect.